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SUBJECT: NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ALLAN
J. MACEACHEN.

1. MACEACHEN WAS BORN JULY 6, 1921 AT INVERNESS, NOVA SCOTIA, EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CHICAGO UNIVERSITY AND MIT. HE TAUGHT ECONOMICS AT FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY IN NOVA SCOTIA 1946-53. HE WAS FIRST ELECTED TO COMMONS IN 1953 AND HAS BEEN RE-ELECTED CONSISTENTLY EXCEPT FOR THE PERIOD 1958-62. HE HAS BEEN MINISTER OF LABOR, OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION, AND WAS MOST RECENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL AND FLOOR LEADER FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN COMMONS.

2. MACEACHEN IS AN ABLE AND HARDWORKING MAN, EXTREMELY POPULAR ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HOUSE. HE IS A BETTER PUBLIC SPEAKER THAN HIS PREDECESSOR MITCHELL SHARP AND IS CONSISTENTLY ENGAGING, WITTY AND ARTICULATE. WHILE HE LACKS SHARP'S LONG EXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE IS KNOWN FOR HIS ABILITY TO ABSORB INFORMATION RAPIDLY AND FOR HIS CAREFUL AND WELL-REASONED JUDGMENT.

3. A BACHELOR, MACEACHEN IS SOMETHING OF A PROFESSIONAL SCOT AND IS GENERALLY KILTED FOR ST. ANDREW'S DAY AND
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BURNS' BIRTHDAY. LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, HIS FRENCH IS POOR.
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